

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
BECKLEY DIVISION**

DONALD L. BLANKENSHIP,)
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Movant,)
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v.) **Civil Action No. 5:18-cv-00591**
) (**Criminal Action No. 5:14-cr-00244**)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Respondent.)

UNITED STATES' MOTION FOR PARTIAL UNSEALING

The United States, by and through undersigned counsel, submits this Motion for Partial Unsealing to facilitate the government's review of all facts and circumstances in the above-captioned cases. This Motion does not seek to disturb the Agreed-Upon Protective Order (Doc. No. 691); in fact, this Motion is based on the Protective Order and consistent with L.R.Civ.P. 26(c). To that end, the government would like to immediately share the allegations and claims made by Movant in his action under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 with witnesses, as well as with others who can assist the United States in the ongoing review of Movant's allegations and claims. For example, granting this Motion would permit the United States to share Movant's pleadings and exhibits with individuals who have knowledge of the facts related to Movant's underlying trial, even though those individuals are not employed by the United States.

Of course, any disclosure of sealed documents would be accompanied by a strong admonition against improper disclosure or use of confidential agency documents produced in relation to the above-captioned cases.

Respectfully submitted,

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